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Applicant: Hidehiro Ishii, et al) Group Art No.: 2627
Application No: 09/131,941)
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For: "Information Storage) Re: **Office Action Response**
Medium ...")
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on July 20, 2006, a reply to which is due no later than January 20, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice.**

A petition for a three-month extension of time is included with this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 23 of this paper.